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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL VISIT (SECY DEFENSE NATO INVITATIONAL)

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1. CODEL VISIT TO GREECE (REFTEL) EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL FROM BOTH US AND GREEK VIEWPOINTS. OVERALL PURPOSE OF CODEL TO ACHIEVE FULL APPRECIATION CURRENT SECURITY STATUS IN EUROPE CERTAINLY FULFILLED AS FAR AS GREEK PORTION THEIR ITINERARY CONCERNED.

2. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL AT ATHENS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 1600 MAY 30 WHERE CODEL MET BY AMB AND MRS KUBISCH AND SENIOR OFFICIALS EMBASSY STAFF, CODEL PROCEEDED TO HILTON HOTEL FOR SHORT REST. AT 1830, AMB AND COUNTRY TEAM CONDUCTED BRIEFING FOR CODEL WHICH PARTICIPANTS APPEARED TO CONSIDER HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE.

LATER IN EVENING, AMBASSADOR HOSTED A RECEPTION FOR CODEL TO WHICH REPRESENTATIVES FROM GREEK ARMED FORCES, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MIN OF DEFENSE AND GREEK PARLIAMENT INVITED.

IN THIS CONNECTION, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT TURN-OUT ON GREEK SIDE WAS EXCELLENT AND INCLUDED THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AVEROFF, CMDR-IN-CHIEF HELLENIC ARMED FORCES ARBOUZIS, AND DEPUTY FORMIN STAVROPOULOS.

IN ADDITION, OF THE 20 OR SO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO

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ATTENDED RECEPTION, BOTH GOVT AND OPPOSITION DEPUTIES

WERE WELL REPRESENTED INCLUDING LEADER OF CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES GEORGE MAVROS. OF SPECIAL NOTE WAS THE GIVE AND TAKE WHICH CHARACTERIZED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN AND GREEK PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTIES ON CURRENT BILATERAL ISSUES OF CONCERN. EMBASSY BELIEVES GREAT VALUE RESULTED FROM THIS FIRST HAND AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF LAWMAKERS OF GREECE AND US.

3. CODEL MEMBERS AND WIVES ENGAGED WIDE VARIETY SOCIAL AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES MAY 31 AND ON FOLLOWING DAY CODEL DEPARTED GREECE 0845 FOR US VIA AZORES.
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